

Princeton, I.O.
January 2, 19-

Dear Miss Hage,

First of all a "Happy New Year". We've certainly had wonderful weather over the holidays.

As you know, Jane is at the library the largest part of the time. She's very disgusted with the magazine situation and grumbles about it every time she comes home. Do you suppose it would be possible to get a magazine rack of some sort built? And who would we approach? There are about hundreds of copies of back issues no one has ever called for and definitely are cluttering up the place. What do we do with them?

She would like to use the table for setting up new books etc. She works in the Clinton H.S. Library and has some good suggestions for the librarian that she'd like to make. That is - if it's alright with you.

You can let us know what you would suggest doing.

Jane enjoys the work very much and the children sure seem to enjoy her. She has several times read stories to several little ones that were in there if she wasn't busy. Now they often wait till after the rush for purpose hoping she will do so. - (st, 2nd + 3rd graders). She gets as enthused about a new little "easy" book as anyone as she always knows "exactly" which little boy or girl would enjoy that particular book.

I doubt if a new adult or J fiction book ever reaches the shelf till she's read it and she also knows who shall recommend the different books to.

Hope we can get something done about those magazines in 1954.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Johanna Fawcett

P.S. We are not making up the two Fridays over the holidays.

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January 11, 1954

Mrs. Johanna Fawcett
Princeton, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Fawcett:

The magazine situation at Princeton - as at all the stations - makes me very unhappy, too. We've been trying to get around to making a magazine rack for each of the stations, but as yet there simply hasn't been time for it. Be patient a bit longer, and I promise that Princeton shall have the first one we get ready.

However, there may be one obstacle, although I can't see how there should be any objection. That is from the council. It will be necessary to go to them to ask permission to put more furniture into the library - after all, the library is in the city hall, and we cannot seem to impose on the council by crowding in more furniture. I have had another method of taking care of the magazines in mind, too. Perhaps it would be better. See what you think.

The book shelves that are there now are anchored to the wall. I would like to move them down closer to the door from the fire station - far enough out of the corner to allow another book stack, which we would furnish, to be put on that wall between the corner and the window. A couple of the shelves in that section could then be used for additional adult books - leaving more space for juvenile books, too - and the rest of the shelves to be used for the magazines. Have I given you a clear picture of what I have in mind. We, of course, would come down and do all the moving. Could you ask the mayor if that might be done, or go to the council; or should I come down and do it? You might ask Mrs. Kleeburg to go with you, if you go. If you don't have the picture clearly in mind, though, be sure to write me again before asking about it.

I will wait until I hear from you again, in any case, before I do anything about either book shelves or a magazine rack. Personally, I think the book stack would be the better solution, for it'll take care of additional books too.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth B. Hage